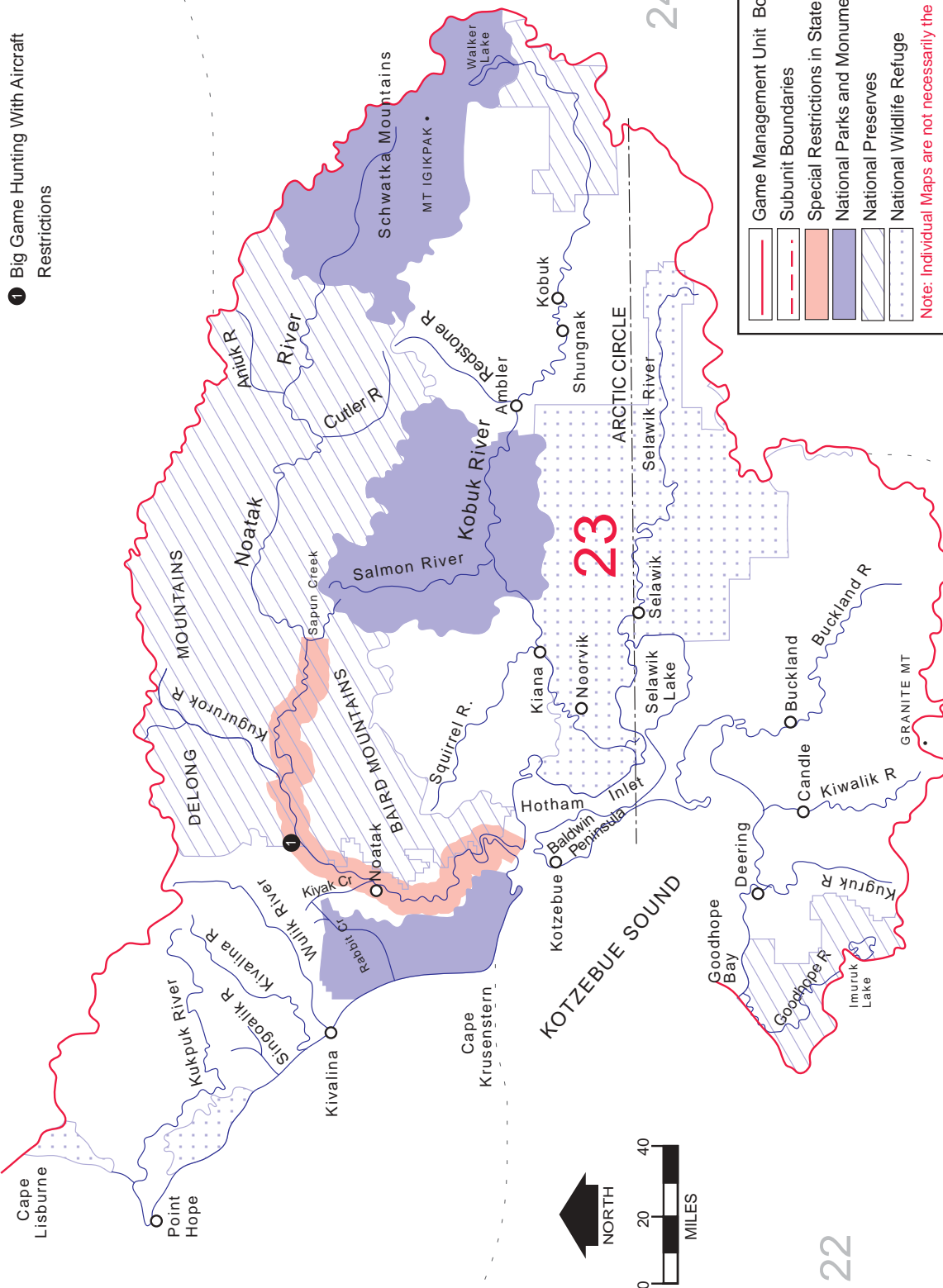


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1 Big Game Hunting With Aircraft Restrictions



Game Management Unit 23

Unit 23: Kotzebue Sound, Chukchi Sea, and Arctic Ocean drainages from and including the Goodhope River drainage to Cape Lisburne.

STATE RESTRICTED AREAS IN UNIT 23

(1) Noatak Controlled Use Area - a corridor extending five miles on either side of the Noatak River beginning at the mouth of the Noatak River, and extending upstream to the mouth of Sapun Creek. The area **is closed for the period August 25 to September 15 to the use of aircraft in any manner for big game hunting, including transportation of big game hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of big game**; however, this does not apply to the transportation of big game hunters or parts of big game to and between public airports.

SPECIES AND BAG LIMITS

REQUIRED
TICKET OR
PERMIT TYPE

OPEN SEASON

BEAR, BLACK

• See pages 24-27 for bear information and salvage requirements.

Unit 23: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: Three bears No closed season

• See pages 24-27 for additional bear hunting information.

• No resident tag required.

BEAR, BROWN/GRIZZLY

• Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide.

• Evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the hide.

Unit 23: RESIDENTS: One bear every regulatory year		Aug. 1—May 31
NONRESIDENTS: One bear every regulatory year by permit DB781	Drawing	Sept. 1—Oct. 10
	OR DB791	Apr. 15—May 31

In addition the following subsistence regulations apply in all drainages in **Unit 23** except for the Baldwin Peninsula north of the Arctic Circle (see special requirements on p. 25)

RESIDENTS ONLY: One bear every regulatory year by permit RB700 available in Barrow, Bethel, Kotzebue, Nome, and license vendors beginning July 1 Registration Aug. 1—May 31

• In bag limit "caribou" means an animal of either sex; "bull" means a male caribou.

• Meat taken in Unit 23 prior to October 1 must remain on the bones of the front quarters and hindquarters until removed from the field or is processed for human consumption.

CARIBOU

• In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.

Unit 23: RESIDENTS: Five caribou per day, (see shaded box page 12)		
bulls	Harvest	No closed season
cows	Harvest	July 1—May 15
NONRESIDENTS: Five caribou total		
bulls	Harvest	No closed season
cows	Harvest	July 1—May 15

SPECIES AND BAG LIMITS

REQUIRED
TICKET OR
PERMIT TYPE

OPEN SEASON

MOOSE

- **50-inch antlers and brow tines defined on pages 30-31.**
- **In bag limit, "moose" means an animal of either sex; "bull" means a male moose.**
- **Meat taken in Unit 23 prior to October 1 must remain on the bones of the front quarters and hindquarters until removed from the field or is processed for human consumption.**
- **In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to the meat.**

Unit 23, north of and including Singoalik River drainage:

RESIDENTS: One bull by permit RM880 available in person at license vendors within

Unit 23 villages June 1-July 15 Registration ... July 1—Oct. 31

OR one moose by permit RM880 however, no person may take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf. Permit available in person at license vendors within Unit 23 villages June 1-July 15

Registration ... Nov. 1—Dec. 31

OR one bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side

Harvest Sept. 1—Sept. 20

NONRESIDENTS: One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side

Harvest Sept. 1—Sept. 20

Remainder of Unit 23: RESIDENTS: One bull by permit RM880 available in person at license vendors within Unit 23 villages June 1-July 15

Registration ... Aug. 1—Oct. 31

OR one moose by permit RM880 however, no person may take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf. Permit available in person at license vendors within Unit 23 villages June 1-July 15

Registration ... Nov. 1—Dec. 31

OR one bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side

Harvest Sept. 1—Sept. 20

NONRESIDENTS: One bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side

Harvest Sept. 1—Sept. 20

- **In areas indicated by → Federal restrictions exist see page 8.**

- **Aircraft may NOT be used to transport hunters, muskox, or muskox hunting gear in Tier II hunts.**

MUSKOX

- **In all hunts limited to one sex, evidence of sex must remain attached naturally to the meat.**
- **Tag fee waived for subsistence hunting. Subsistence muskox tag required.**

→ **Unit 23:** the Seward Peninsula west of and including the Buckland River drainage:

RESIDENTS: One bull by permit TX106 Tier II Aug. 1—Mar. 15

OR One muskox by permit TX106 Tier II Jan. 1—Mar. 15

NONRESIDENTS: No open season

→ **Unit 23:** that portion north and west of the Noatak River:

RESIDENTS: One bull by permit TX107 Tier II Aug. 1—Mar. 15

NONRESIDENTS: No open season

Remainder of Unit 23: No open season

SHEEP

- **Nonresident hunters must be accompanied by a guide (see Guide Information, page 11).**
- **See definition of full-curl horn and drawings on page 28.**
- **Horns must accompany meat from the field.**
- **Ram horns must be sealed within 30 days of kill, except registration hunts in Unit 23.**

→ **Unit 23**, that portion north of Rabbit Creek, Kiyak Creek and the Noatak River, and west of the Aniuk River ("De Long Mountains")

RESIDENTS: One sheep. Permit RS388 available at ADF&G offices in Barrow and

Kotzebue and vendors in Unit 26A Registration Aug. 10—Apr. 30

OR One ram with full curl horn or larger DS384 Drawing Aug. 10—Sept. 20

NONRESIDENTS: One ram with full curl horn or larger DS384 Drawing Aug. 10—Sept. 20

Unit 23, south of Rabbit Creek, Kiyak Creek and the Noatak River, and west of the Cutler and Redstone Rivers ("Baird Mountains")

RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: No open season

→ **Remainder of Unit 23**, ("Schwatka Mountains"):

RESIDENTS: One ram with full curl horn or larger Harvest Aug. 10—Sept. 20

OR Three sheep. Permit RS389 available at ADF&G offices in Barrow and Kotzebue. Registration Aug. 1—Apr. 30

NONRESIDENTS: One ram with full curl horn or larger Harvest Aug. 10—Sept. 20

Sheep hunting may be shortened or closed by emergency order, please contact ADF&G before hunting.

WOLF• *Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.*

Unit 23: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: Twenty wolves Aug. 10—Apr. 30

WOLVERINE• *Hides must be sealed within 30 days of kill.*

Unit 23: RESIDENTS & NONRESIDENTS: One wolverine. Sept. 1—Mar. 31

A NEW CARIBOU PLAN FOR NORTHWEST ALASKA

Last counted at over 490,000 caribou in 2003, the Western Arctic Herd is the largest caribou herd in Alaska. It is widely distributed from near Barrow to the mouth of the Yukon River. Subsistence hunters from more than 40 small communities, sports hunters, guides, outfitters, wilderness travelers, and reindeer herders all have interests in managing this herd.

A management plan adopted by the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group is available to the public. The plan guides management of the herd while meeting the needs of people who use or value these caribou. The Working Group is a permanent forum of interest groups and resource agencies dedicated to working with advisory committees and the public to protect and conserve the Western Arctic Caribou Herd.

For a copy of the management plan or info about the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group write to: Caribou Management Plan, Dept. Fish & Game, Pouch 1148, Nome, AK 99762 or log-on to: <http://wildlife.alaska.gov>

